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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

FROM PRESIDENT KATZIR

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT KATZIR:

BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
YOUR WARM MESSAGE OF AUGUST 9 ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE
AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.
YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON
GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND, AND THAT
MY GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE TO WORK AS
CLOSELY WITH ISRAEL IN THESE ENDEAVORS AS IT HAS IN THE
PAST. WITH BEST WISHES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD END
QUOTE.

2. FYI: TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KATZIR: BEGIN
QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND IN MY OWN NAME
I EXTEND TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS
AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

QUOTE WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT UNDER YOUR DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE AND SECURITY TO ALL STATES AND THAT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM. EPHRAIM KATZIR, PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL END QUOTE.

3. NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT OF REPLY BUT HAS OBJECTIONS TO ITS RELEASE BY RECIPIENT.
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